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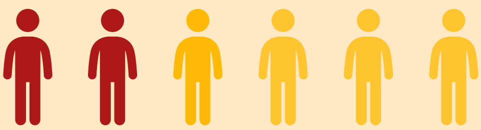


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Team Bihar Bhawan is delighted to present the February edition of our monthly newsletter. Engaging with our readers brings us immense joy, and we are excited to share important updates from Bihar.

Under the leadership of Hon'ble Chief Minister, Shri Nitish Kumar, the Government of Bihar has launched significant initiatives to propel Bihar on the path of progress and prosperity. In the month passed by, there have been noteworthy developments in various sectors, including the newly launched Small Business Scheme, a boost to disaster management system, digitizing electric meters and others.

Furthermore, the state featured itself as a promising hub for investment in different domains with an active participation via Bharat Tex 2024 at Bharat Mandapam in Pragati Maidan and plastic sector investors meet in Barauni. Tourism department participated in Bharat Parv, Delhi, where visitors got a chance to virtually visit famous tourist destinations of the state.

Additionally, our newsletter highlights the key rewards like awards for artists from Bihar, patent to IIT Patna for "Stepped Microchannel Heat Sink for cooling an electronic device" and more.

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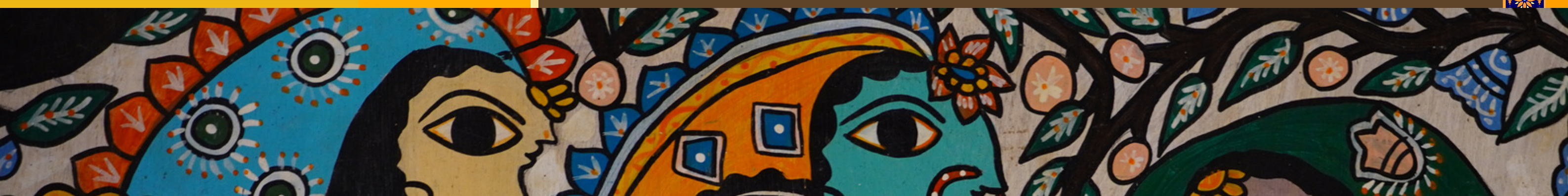


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The Holy Relics of Lord Buddha and his Two Disciples were enshrined on Friday (February 23) for public veneration at the specially built Mandapam at Sanam Luang Pavilion in Bangkok with great reverence and amidst holy chanting. His Excellency Governor of Bihar Shri, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, handed over the Holy Relics of lord Buddha to Hon'ble Thai Prime Minister (Chairman), Mr Srettha Thavisin.

Speaking on the occasion, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar said that he feels blessed to be part of this grand ceremony. He said that he comes from a sacred land where Lord Buddha got enlightened and following his teachings India has always given to the world message of 'Karuna' and 'Ahimsa' and it is with this message that we have come to Thailand.

HE also visited Wat Pho temple in Bangkok where he presented a set of 108 volumes of Mongolian Kangyur (Tri Pitika - Buddhist cannon) & 26 books on Buddhism by Prof Satya Vrat Shastri to Most Ven Dr Debvajracharya, Deputy Abbot of Wat Pho.

Celebrating Basant Panchami with full fervor !

Saraswati Puja, celebrated on Basant Panchami, has religious significance in Hindu religion. Devotees perform various rituals to honor Goddess Saraswati, the embodiment of wisdom and creativity. To mark the celebration, His Excellency Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Bihar, took part in a cultural event - Vasant Rangotsav - held at the Rajendra Hall of the Raj Bhavan.





While Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar celebrated the day by worshipping an idol of Goddess Saraswati at the residence of former Chief Information Commissioner Shri A.K. Sinha in IAS Colony. Hon'ble CM extended greetings and wished for prosperity of both the people and the state.

Purnea University Senate Meeting: HE highlights key initiatives to boost education

His Excellency, Governor of Bihar, Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar attended the fourth senate meeting of Purnia University. HE outlined several key steps to improve education sector in his address to Purnea University Senate. These include developing an app for monitoring university activities, expanding colleges, promoting communication between Senate and administration, boosting research, ensuring proper use of funds, and facilitating timely promotions for staff. These measures have the potential to significantly enhance the quality and accessibility of education in Bihar.





Scheme to fulfill entrepreneur dream

Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar on Monday launched Small Business Scheme and also announced an online portal for the same. He also unveiled a book that highlighted the scheme and its incentives. Government of Bihar had conducted a caste census, in which more than 94 lakh poor families were identified, whose income is less than 6000. Under the scheme, one member of each family will be given two lakh rupees in three instalments to start a business.

Bihar Small Entrepreneur Scheme was launched with the theme '**हर घर उद्यमी, हर घर रोजगार, ऊँची उड़ान के लिए बिहार है तैयार** (Entrepreneur in every household, employment in every household, Bihar is ready to fly high)'.





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A boost to disaster management system in Bihar!

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, inaugurated the enhanced State Emergency Operations Center at Sardar Patel Bhavan on January 31, 2024. He also launched Decision Support System with an aim to make response on disasters quick and co-ordinated. Hon'ble CM expressed his happiness over the start of this new system and said that these disasters could be presumed and we can stay prepared to face them.



30 minutes to prepare for disaster

Hon'ble CM informed that an alerting device has been developed in collaboration with IIT Patna, which is unique in the world. Through this, laborers working in the field and people going out will wear this device on their body and they will start getting information about the disaster 30 minutes in advance, which will make them alert. This device can be charged by body heat itself. With the cooperation of Bihar Meteorological Center, it will give early warning not only in lightning but also in disasters like floods, excessive heat i.e. heat wave and cold wave. This pendant-shaped device has been named NITISH (Novel & Intense Technological Intervention for Saving Human lives) by Bihar State Disaster Management Authority. Its Hindi translation will be Neeti, Tivra and Shaktiashali Jeevan Suraksha Kavach (Nitish).

Advanced Cancer Ward in Patna

First of its Kind in Eastern India





On February 4th, Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar inaugurated a new Cancer Ward at Jayapraba Medanta Super Specialty Hospital in Patna. He also launched the state-of-the-art "Varian Edge Radiation Machine," a first-of-its-kind technology in Eastern India.

After the ceremony, Hon'ble CM Kumar toured the ward, inspecting Cath Labs, Endoscopy units, and Physiotherapy facilities. He received briefings on available services, observed the advanced machine's operation, and learned about its functionalities. Specialists reassured the Chief Minister of their commitment to providing comprehensive cancer care under one roof, offering swift diagnosis and immediate treatment options.

The "Varian Edge Radiation Machine" promises significant advancements in cancer treatment, making it the second in the nation and the first in Eastern India.

Agro Bihar 2024 Promotes Rooftop Gardening and Agricultural Innovation







The State-level Agricultural Mechanization Fair (Agro Bihar, 2024) was held at Gandhi Maidan from February 8th to 11th. Organized by the Department of Agriculture in collaboration with the CIAE, the event promoted rooftop gardening schemes in major Bihar cities.

The Additional Secretary flagged off promotional vehicles displaying green flags. These vehicles will raise awareness about the rooftop gardening schemes in Patna, Gaya, Muzaffarpur, and Bhagalpur. Participants can receive a subsidy of ₹37,500 per unit for open-area farming beds (300/600 square feet) on residential rooftops and ₹7,500 per unit (30 pots) for smaller-scale gardening.

The event was well-attended, with officials like Agricultural Director Dr. Alok Ranjan Ghosh and Horticulture Director Shri Abhishek Kumar present. Over 17,000 farmers and the public flocked to the fair on its opening day.

Agro Bihar 2024 featured over 140 stalls showcasing agricultural machinery, products, seeds, conservation techniques, digital crop surveying, and more. Prestigious institutions, including IIT Patna, the Bihar Agricultural University, and the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Central Agricultural University, participated. The fair also hosted a daily farmer school providing education on agricultural mechanization.

Simaria Dham stair ghat inaugurated, ushering in new era of progress





On February 16, 2023, during his Samadhan Yatra, Hon'ble CM Shri Nitish Kumar, announced the development of Simaria Dham. He laid the foundation stone for the project on May 30, 2023. Now, Hon'ble Chief Minister has officially inaugurated the newly constructed and beautified Simaria Dham Stair Ghat in the Begusarai district of Bihar. The Rs 115 crore project promises to significantly enhance the experience of pilgrims and visitors to this revered site. This development will also boost socio-economic progress in the region, generating local employment and furthering overall growth.

HON'BLE CM INAUGURATES HI-TECH PLANETARIUM

On Thursday, the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Bihar, Shri Nitish Kumar, inaugurated the state-of-the-art Hi-Tech Planetarium. This modernization project, costing ₹73 crore 44 lakh 15 thousand, equips the planetarium with cutting-edge technology to showcase the wonders of the solar system.





Immersive Experiences: Visitors can now experience both 2D and 3D astronomical shows thanks to the upgraded projection system. The celluloid film system has been replaced with a modern mirage RGB (red, green, blue) pure laser projection system, creating an immersive and captivating experience. The upgraded auditorium comfortably accommodates 200 people, with push-back seats in the circular gallery ensuring optimal viewing angles. Additionally, a high-resolution dome-shaped hanging screen (16 meters in diameter) enhances the visual experience.

Bihar Government Appoints 2,133 Candidates to Boost Administrative and Educational Infrastructure

Bihar witnessed a significant development on February 15th as Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar distributed appointment letters to 2,133 candidates across various departments. This recruitment drive aimed to strengthen the state's administrative and educational sectors. The positions included Assistant Section Officers, Assistant Professors, and Lecturers within the Bihar Secretariat Service and the Department of Science, Technology, and Technical Education.



The event also saw a symbolic distribution of appointment letters to 50 candidates. Hon'ble Deputy Chief Ministers Shri Samrat Choudhary and Shri Vijay Kumar Sinha, Hon'ble Education Minister Shri Vijay Kumar Choudhary, and Hon'ble Science and Technology Minister Shri Sumit Kumar Singh were also present.

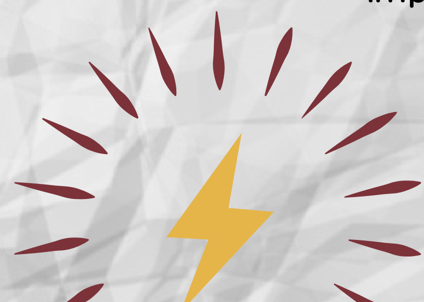
Chief Secretary Shri Deepak Kumar, Chief Secretary to the Chief Minister Shri Dr. S. Siddharth, and Principal Secretary of the General Administration Department Shri Dr. B. Rajendar also graced the occasion, highlighting its importance in bolstering Bihar's administrative and educational framework.

Bihar sets national record with over 26 lakh smart meters installed



On February 5th, the Bihar State Power Holding Company Limited (BSPHCL) announced a remarkable achievement: the installation of over 26 lakh smart prepaid meters, setting a national record. This accomplishment reflects the effective implementation of the "Har Ghar Bijli" campaign, a key initiative under the "Saat Nischay Yojana" championed by the visionary leadership of Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar.

Shri Sanjeev Hans, Principal Secretary of Bihar's Energy Department, lauded the significant progress made in strengthening the state's power infrastructure. This infrastructure is now capable of handling peak demands exceeding 7,000 MW, a testament to the dedication towards improved service and reliability.







Shri Shams Aalam makes waves at Reykjavik Games, sets National Records





Indian para swimmer Shri Shams Aalam Shaikh, hailing from Rathaus village in Madhubani district, Bihar, made a splash at the Reykjavik Games in Iceland (January 26-28, 2024). He secured remarkable six medals, including national records in both the 100 meters butterfly and 100 meters backstroke events (S5 category). This dominant performance solidifies his position as a Paralympic powerhouse.



IDSOF Festival and Championship: Bihar's son gets award



The Indian Dojang Sports Authority (IDSOF) held its annual festival and championship in Delhi's Talkatora Stadium from January 29th to 30th. During the event, renowned international Taekwondo player Kaiser Rehan from Begusarai, Bihar, and Dr. Najirul Haque, recognized for his lifetime commitment to medicine and sports development, were presented with prestigious IDSOF Awards.

The annual IDSOF festival celebrates and honors individuals who excel in the field of sports. This year, the awards were conferred by Lalit Mohan, Secretary of Sports, Kreeda Bharati Delhi, and Arjuna Awardee Bhanu Sachdeva, further highlighting the importance of dedication and excellence in the sporting world.

Good News from textile sector

Bihar gets first DISNEY certified manufacturing unit



High Spirit Ltd, a company in Bihar's Muzaffarpur Bag Cluster, has become the first-ever DISNEY CERTIFIED manufacturing unit in the state. This prestigious certification signifies the company's commitment to upholding Disney's rigorous production standards, ensuring quality and ethical practices throughout manufacturing. This achievement not only marks a significant milestone for High Spirit Ltd but also has the potential to propel the entire Muzaffarpur Bag Cluster forward, attracting further investment and recognition to Bihar.

Bihar Small Entrepreneur Scheme: Rs 2 Lakh to start new businesses

The Bihar Small Entrepreneur Scheme was launched by Hon'ble Chief Minister Shri Nitish Kumar on February 5 (Monday) at 'Sankalp' located on 1 Anne Marg. On the occasion, a portal of Bihar Small Entrepreneur Scheme was launched and a book based on Bihar Small Entrepreneur Scheme was also released.

How much money will be given?

Under the Bihar Small Entrepreneur Scheme, an amount of up to 2 lakh rupees will be given to people of all classes. This will lead to the economic development of poor families of all classes in the state.

No need to return money!

After caste-based census done recently in the state, it was identified that there are 94 lakh families whose monthly income is less than six thousand rupees. Now, the government will provide two lakh rupees in three installments to one member of each such family to start their own employment and this money is not to returned.

Benefits of the Scheme:

- Economic development of poor families
- Increase in income
- Employment opportunities
- Self-employment
- Upliftment of all classes



Plastic Sector Investor's Meet @ Barauni





A meeting for plastic industry investors, "Plastic Sector Investor's Meet'24", was held on February 22nd at IOCL Barauni, Bihar. Union Minister Shri Girirraj Singh attended. The Dept of Industries and IOCL organized the meet to discuss the 2 lakh MT Polypropylene (PP) plant opening in December at the Barauni Refinery. This plant, along with downstream industries for furniture, bags, household items, and medical equipment, has the potential for a large market in Bihar.

Bihar showcases textile opportunities at Bharat Tex 2024





The recently concluded Bharat Tex 2024, held from February 26th to 29th in New Delhi, witnessed Bihar showcasing its potential in the textile sector. Inspired by the government's 5-Fs vision - farm to foreign via fibre, fabric, fashion and focus, the state presented investment opportunities across the entire textile value chain.

Bihar's participation stemmed from the launch of its first-ever Textile and Leather Policy in 2022. This policy offers a range of incentives to attract investors, including capital grants, employment subsidies, power and freight cost assistance, and support for skill development and intellectual property. Additionally, the policy eases business setup through interest subventions, tax reimbursements, and exemptions from various fees and duties.

Through its presence at Bharat Tex 2024, Bihar aimed to connect with potential investors and establish itself as a rising hub for the textile and apparel industry.



The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, organised nine-day annual mega event "Bharat Parv" at the Lawns and Gyan Path in front of Red Fort, Delhi as part of the Republic Day Celebrations. The highlights of the mega event are the Republic Day Parade tableaux, dynamic cultural performances by the Zonal Cultural Centres and engaging presentations by cultural troupes from various States and Union Territories, food stall representing all the States and UTs, handicraft and handloom display and enthusiastic performances by the Armed Forces Band.



BIHAR STOLE THE SHOW!

Live demonstrations showcased the state's unique art forms like Madhubani paintings, while immersive virtual reality tours transported visitors to Bihar's magical tourist destinations. The realistic experience left over 3,000 visitors awestruck, feeling like they were actually there.

PREPPING FOR VIDESH SAMPARK – STATE OUTREACH CONFERENCE

Bihar continues to demonstrate its pride in empowering its citizens. As a major supplier of manpower around the world, the state recognizes the vital importance of ensuring its people are fully informed of their rights when seeking a brighter future beyond Bihar's borders. Shri Kundan Kumar, Resident Commissioner of Bihar in Delhi and CEO of the Bihar Foundation, recently held a productive meeting with Shri Muktesh Pardeshi, Secretary (CPV & OIA). Their discussion focused on plans for the upcoming Videsh Sampark - State Outreach Conference in Bihar. This program will center around skill development and outreach initiatives to support the Bihari diaspora.

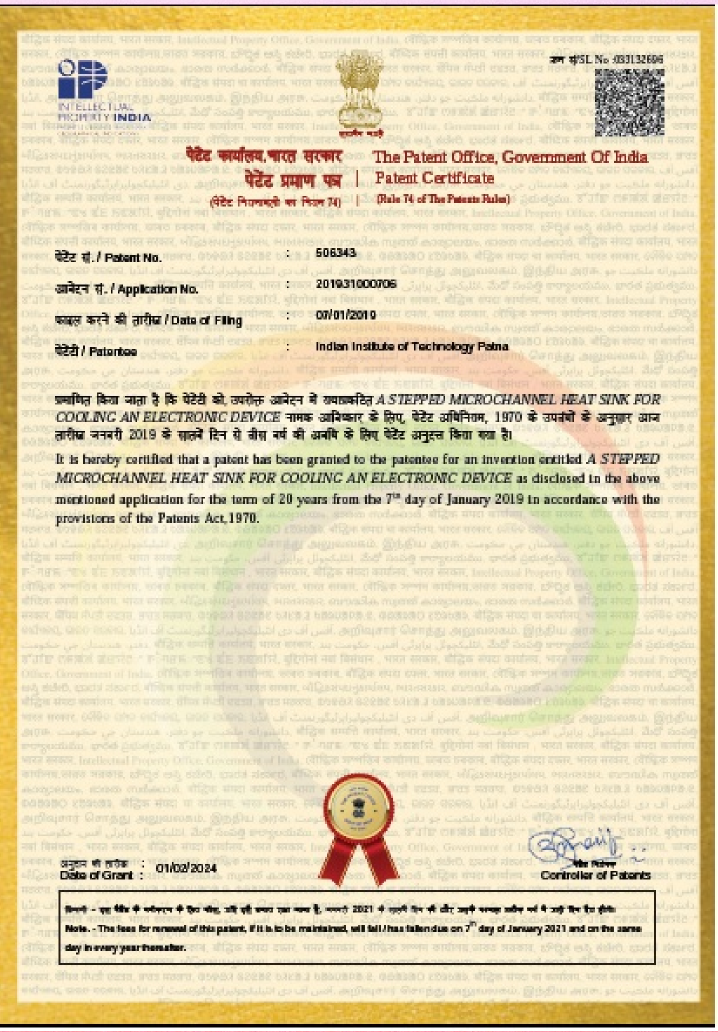


NATIONAL ACADEMY OF MUSIC, DANCE, AND DRAMA AWARDS BIHAR ARTISTS



In a celebration of artistic talent, nine individuals from Bihar were recognized for their contributions. Veteran actress Premlata Mishra of Maithili Rangmanch, known for her dedication to the performing arts, received the main award for acting. Dr. Neetu Kumari Nutan, Sitaram Singh, Bharat Sharma Vyasa, and Asif Ali Haider Khan were also honored with major awards for their contributions in music, drama, and playwriting, respectively. Additionally, four promising young artists from Bihar received the Ustad Bismillah Award.





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INDIAN PATENT TO IIT PATNA STEPPED MICROCHANNEL HEAT SINK FOR COOLING AN ELECTRONIC DEVICE

The Indian Institute of Technology Patna (IIT Patna) has been awarded a patent for the innovative "Stepped Microchannel Heat Sink for cooling an electronic device." The achievement is credited to Dr. Sumit Raj, Mr. Anurag Shukla, Dr. Manabendra Pathak, and Dr. Mohd. Kaleem Khan.









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FRIDAY LUNCH

A regular meet and greet session was held at Bihar Niwas with the officers of Bihar Cadre working in different domains in Delhi.















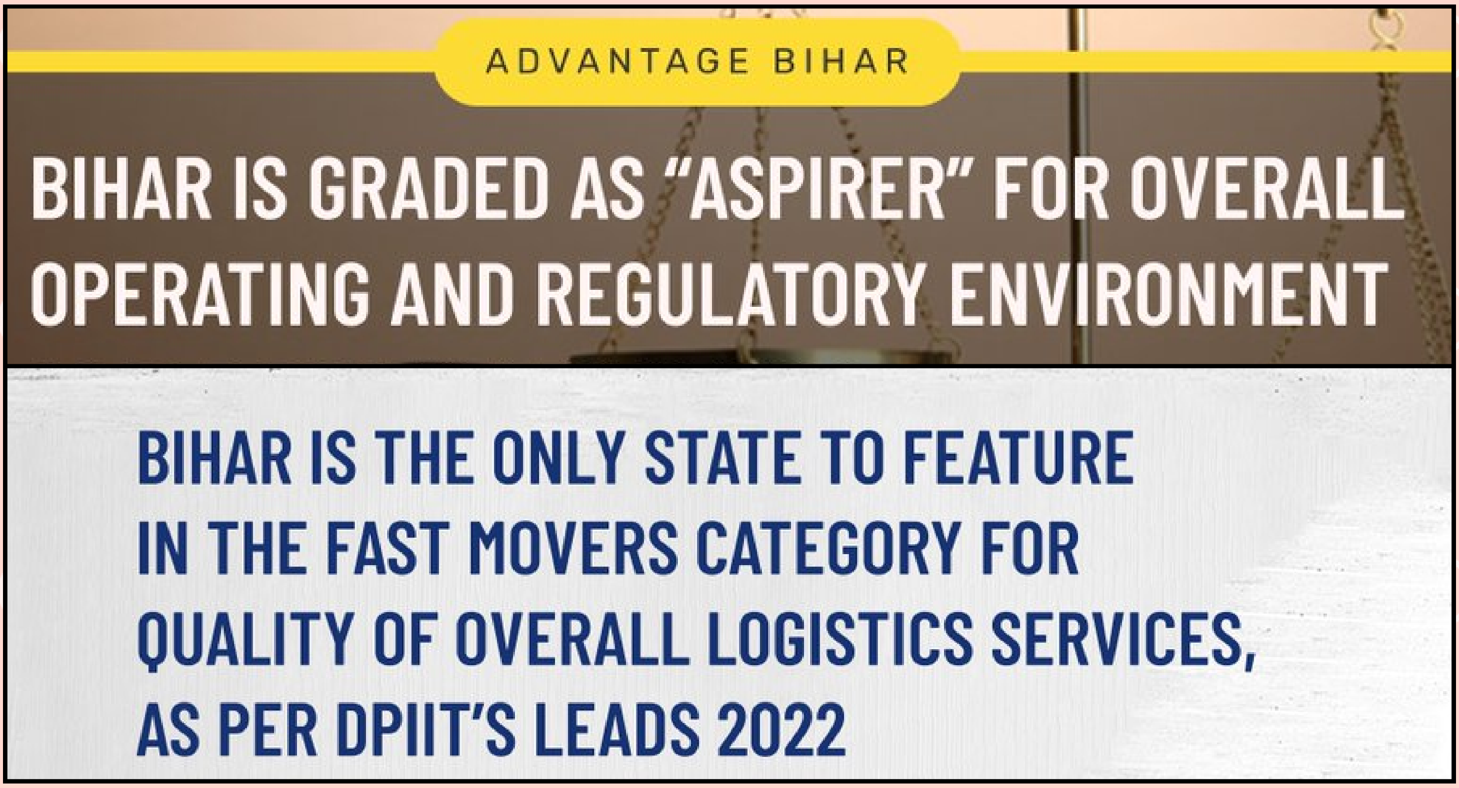
17-Year-Old Jahanvi from Bihar Receives Honorary Doctorate Degree



17-year-old Jahanvi, a resident of Muzaffarpur, Bihar, has been awarded an honorary doctorate degree from the Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea. She received the honor for her contributions in the field of social work.

Jahanvi has previously brought recognition to Bihar. She has participated in promoting gender equality and a documentary created by the International AIDS Conference. She also won the Miss Teen India 2022 title.

Last year, Jahanvi was invited to the Rashtrapati Bhavan, where she met HE President Smt. Draupadi Murmu with her family. Jahanvi has also been awarded by the United Nations Foundation three times.





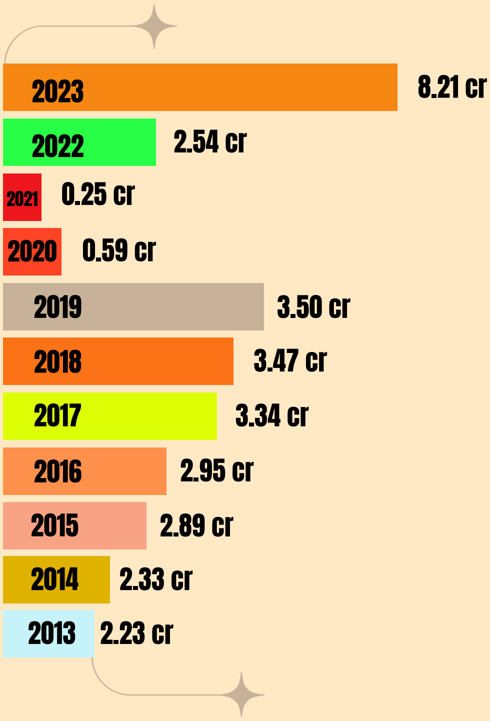


Bihar tourism booms in 2023 with over 8 crore visitors









Bihar saw a significant rise in tourism in 2023, welcoming an estimated 8.21 crore visitors. This surge highlights the state's growing popularity as a destination, attracting travelers from across India and abroad.

The Department of Tourism's comprehensive data reveals a surge in visits not only to the renowned 15 tourist hotspots within Bihar but also to various districts. Key destinations like Patna, Gaya, Bodh Gaya, Rajgir, Nalanda, Raxaul, Munger, Vaishali, Muzaffarpur, Bhagalpur, and Banka witnessed a notable increase in tourist footfall.

Furthermore, major religious events like the Sonepur Mela, Shravani Mela, and Pitru Paksha Mela held in Sonepur, Punpun, and Gaya, respectively, played a crucial role in attracting devotees. The Department of Tourism reports a combined attendance of 8,21,32,277 for these gatherings, showcasing their significant contribution to Bihar's pilgrim tourism.



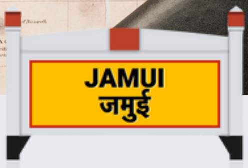
Bihar tourism shines at Outbound Travel Mart, wins best design and decoration award

Bihar's tourism department scored first rank at the Outbound Travel Mart (OTM) held in Mumbai, bagging the coveted Best Design and Decoration Award.

Receiving the accolade from Rajasthan's Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism Minister, Smt. Diya Kumari, was Shri Kumar Devendra Projjwal, Managing Director of the Bihar Tourism Development Corporation (BTDC).

Expressing their elation, BTDC's Director, Shri Nand Kishor, and Tourism Department Director, Shri Vinay Kumar Rai, called the award a moment of immense pride for Bihar tourism. They highlighted the department's unwavering commitment to showcasing the state's diverse tourist destinations and their alluring offerings through innovative approaches, leading to this well-deserved recognition.





Jamui
A District Carved in Time

Nestled amidst the hills bordering Jharkhand, lies the vibrant district of Jamui in Bihar, India. Its formation, etched in history, took place on February 21st, 1991. Prior to this, Jamui was an integral part of the Munger district, but the year 1991 marked a significant milestone as it carved its own administrative identity.

With an area spanning roughly 3,122 square kilometers, Jamui boasts a rich tapestry of history, culture, and natural beauty. Dotted with hills and blessed with an average annual rainfall of 1,102 mm, the district holds immense potential for agricultural development. However, it also possesses a hidden treasure trove of resources like mica, coal, gold, and iron ore, waiting to be harnessed responsibly.

Beyond its geographical aspects, Jamui is steeped in a sense of historical significance. The town of Gidhaur, just 17 kilometers from the district headquarters, served as a seat of power during the British Raj. Even today, remnants of this era stand tall, with the Minto Tower serving as a marking structure to the architectural prowess of the time.

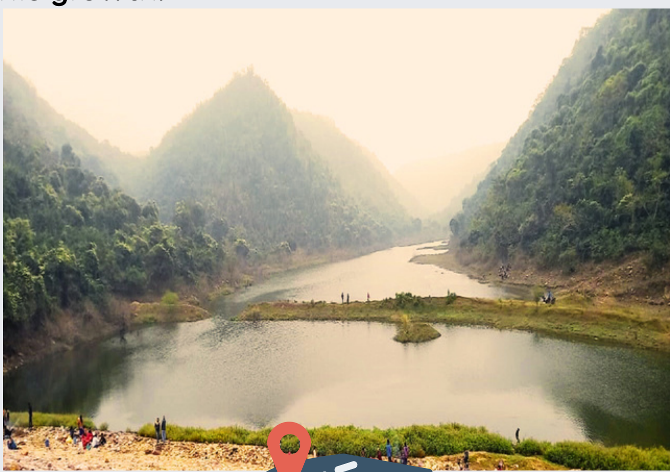
However, the journey since 1991 has not been without its challenges. The district has witnessed significant progress in recent years, with ongoing development initiatives aimed at improving infrastructure, promoting education, and fostering economic growth.

How to reach Jamui:

By Air: The nearest airport is located in Patna, approximately 160 kilometers away. Taxis and buses are readily available for onward travel to Jamui.

By Train: The district is well-connected by rail network to major cities like Patna, Gaya, and Kolkata.

By Road: National highways and state roads pass through the district, making it accessible by road from various parts of India.



Places to See:

Lachhuar Jain Mandir: This ancient Jain temple houses a 2,600-year-old black stone idol of Lord Mahavira, attracting devotees from all over India.

Simultalla Hill Station: Surrounded by scenic hills and known as the "Tapo-Bhumi" of Sri Ramakrishna Paramhans, this spot offers a refreshing escape from the hustle and bustle.
Kakan Mandir: Dedicated to Lord Shiva, this temple is believed to possess a mystical aura and draws devotees seeking spiritual solace.

Kali Mandir Malaypur: This historic temple dedicated to Goddess Kali is known for its intricate carvings and vibrant atmosphere.



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